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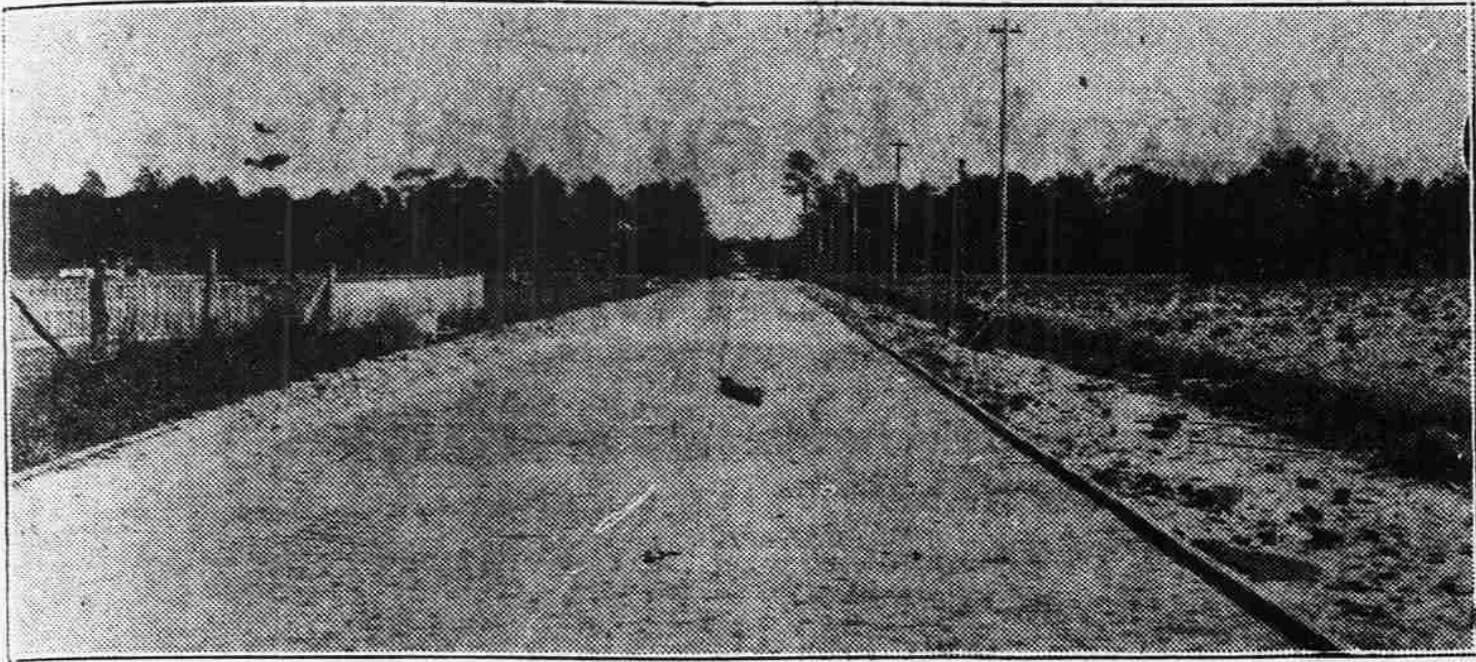
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BUILDING ROADS FOR WEAR IN PASQUOTANK



A ROAD like this calls for more. The illustration shows a section of the 18 foot brick road now under construction between Elizabeth City and the new Fair Grounds. About a mile of this road has already been completed and the work is temporarily held up for lack of cement, two car loads of cement consigned to the Pasquotank Highway Commission having been delayed by the railway strike. The cement is expected any day. County Highway Engineer T. L. Higgs says the road from Elizabeth City to the Fair Grounds will be open to the public by June 1. Photo by Leon Sklar.

PLEASED WITH NEW BRICK ROAD

Paving Expert Says Pasquotank is Getting Durable Roads For Its Money

That Pasquotank county is getting highly durable roads at a comparatively low cost of construction is the expert opinion of Wm. C. Perkins, Chief Engineer of the Eastern Paving Brick Manufacturers Association who made an inspection of road work in Pasquotank county this week.

The brick manufacturers association employs Mr. Perkins to protect their interests. It is part of his business to go wherever brick roads are being built and see if they are being built right, because one badly constructed brick road—a road that failed to give satisfaction—would do the paving brick industry a world of harm. And so Mr. Perkins dropped into Pasquotank this week to see what sort of roads are being constructed here. He will make a technical report to the Pasquotank Highway Commission at an early date, but before leaving the city he told this newspaper that he was delighted with the work here and he believed the work here was being done at a phenomenally low cost. He said if any error at all had been made, it had been made thru too much economy upon the part of the County Highway Engineer, T. L. Higgs.

On the other hand it is the opinion of Mr. Perkins that a needless expense is involved in laying a sand cushion on the sub-base of brick roads in this county, where the sub-base itself is of sandy soil. He says the road will be just as smooth and just as durable without the sand cushion. He stresses the importance of drainage for the new roads and says ample ditches should be constructed and kept open to take care of this highly essential drainage.

While here Mr. Perkins went over every foot of the road so far constructed and in process of construction. He didn't appear to be at all alarmed when he found a concrete bridge had broken thru expansion. He says such things are to be expected in any job and it is cheaper to repair an occasional break than to try to anticipate and forestall such things. Some have criticised Engineer Higgs, saying there would be other breaks in his roads because of his failure to provide expansion joints. Mr. Perkins declares that Higgs is right, that expansion joints weaken a road and a more durable road is secured where expansion joints are eliminated. The elimination of expansion joints may mean an occasional crack or buckling in the road which can be quickly and economically corrected.

As soon as the road from the Fair Grounds into the city is completed the construction gang on that road will begin the construction of the link between Weeksville to Elizabeth City. The Pasquotank Highway Commission is now debating the advisability of putting a second construction force on the road from Elizabeth City to Newland while the Weeksville road is still under way, carrying on work on two roads during the summer months. The greatest obstacle to this plan is the uncertainty of getting materials fast enough to keep two gangs going.

LEGION TO HELP SALVATION ARMY

Elks, Moose and Boy Scouts Also Pledge to Help in Drive For Funds This Week

Seth Perry Post of the American Legion, of Pasquotank County, the Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Boy Scouts and several ministers and laymen will aid Chairman Walter P. Wood in putting across the Salvation Army drive for funds in Pasquotank county this week.

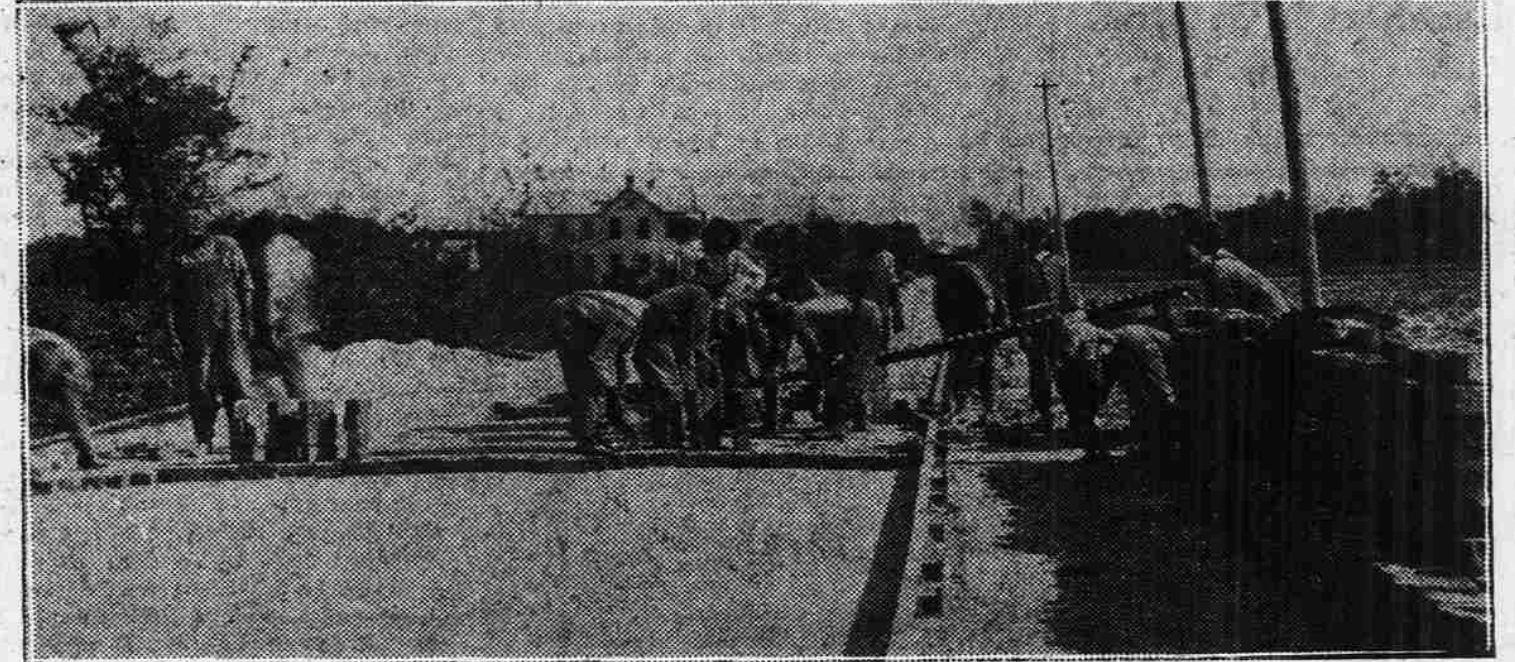
One North Carolina county, Beaufort with a larger quota than Chairman Wood is asking of Pasquotank, is already over the top in its drive, being the first county in the state and in the south to raise its quota.

Pasquotank will go over the top in due course. Everybody is for the Salvation Army and regardless of how much they have given to other philanthropies, they do not feel like turning the Salvation Army down, because it reaches the millions who are never troubled by any other religious or philanthropic influence.

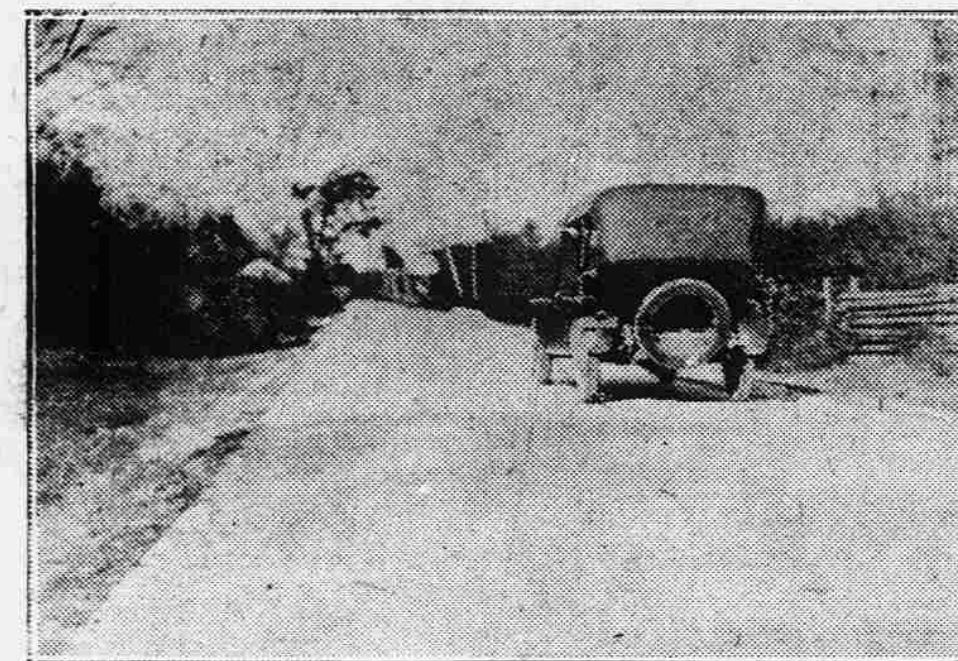
Pasquotank is asked for a minimum contribution of \$1,000. Pledges payable in cash, or in installments due June 1 and August 1, 1920.

The inauguration of an era of lower priced clothing for men and young men is heralded in the advertisement of D. Walter Harris elsewhere in this newspaper. Read it.—adv.

WE HAVE ten cars high grade Burnt Rock Agricultural Lime, ground or slaked put up in burlap bags for immediate shipment. Very fine for Peanuts or other crops. Write or wire for delivered prices. CLYDE McCALLUM, Hertford, N. C. Sales Mgr., Staunton Lime Products Co., Staunton, Va., Blue Grass Lime Co., Tazewell, Va., pmy14-2r



THERE is no loafing on the job when bricks are being laid on Pasquotank roads; the bricks are kept moving in a continuous stream from their neat piles alongside the road into the hands of the brick layers. The swiftest man on the job sets the pace for every other man and one loafer could spoil a day's work for the gang, if loafers were tolerated at all. The gang shown in this picture has made a record of 1200 feet of eighteen foot road laid in a ten hour day under favorable conditions. Photo by Leon Sklar.



SOME folks say two automobiles can not pass each other with safety on a fifteen foot road. The accompanying photo settles the argument. The picture was made on the fifteen foot road near Weeksville, showing a seven passenger Chandler driven by W. O. Saunders with all the room any driver could desire on the side. Note the proportion of the road occupied by the car and compare with the free space to the left. Photo by Saunders.

TWIFORD & WILKINS BUY OUT R. E. QUINN & CO.

Mr. Quinn Disposes of All Interest in Elizabeth City Store to His Two Associates

J. H. Wilkins and S. W. Twiford have purchased R. E. Quinn's interest in the big furniture business of R. E. Quinn & Co. in this city, and disposed of their interest in the Quinn stores in Washington and Rocky Mount to Mr. Quinn. Messrs. Twiford and Wilkins will continue the business under the trade name of Quinn Furniture Co.

Announcement of the deal was made this week, the negotiations for the deal had been under way for several months. Messrs. Twiford and Wilkins will continue the business under the trade name of Quinn Furniture Co.

The change it is said will mean a new and aggressive policy for this big furniture store. Mr. Quinn's attention to the business in recent years has been largely divided between the out of town stores. Messrs. Twiford and Wilkins will give their exclusive attention to the local store. They expect to carry even larger and more varied stocks of furniture and housefurnishings than ever and announce this week that their hat is in the ring for a larger volume of business.

SAYS ALL WEEDS AND BUSHES MUST GO NOW

City Manager in War on Mosquito Will Call For Rigid Enforcement of All Sanitary Laws

All weeds, vines, bushes and undergrowth of every kind must be cut down and removed from every vacant lot in Elizabeth City or the owners of these waste places will find themselves fined \$5 for violation of the city ordinance against such nuisances. Each day's failure to abate the weed nuisance constitutes a separate offence against the law.

City Manager Commander determined to give the anti-weed ordinance such an enforcement as it has never had, because he is determined to permanently relieve or abate the mosquito nuisance in Elizabeth City. To get rid of the mosquito it is necessary to get rid of his breeding places. The City Manager is breaking up the mosquito's breeding places in the canals and water courses throughout the town by installing oil drip cans. But putting oil on mosquito troubled water will not accomplish much if owners of vacant lots and low places don't co-operate and clean up these privately owned breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

The City Manager also tells this newspaper that a lot of users of ground toilets are going to find themselves in trouble if they do not comply with the law which says they must use slack line in these toilets. Before hauling a lot of folks up into court Manager Commander is serving notice thru the newspapers.

D. Walter Harris sets the pace for a reduction in the high cost of men's clothing. See his ad elsewhere in this newspaper.—adv.

CHOWAN COLLEGE REMAINS BURIED

Elizabeth City Loses With Mingled Feelings of Disgust and Relief

After announcing that they would remove Chowan College from Murfreesboro to some town affording a more desirable location and offering a cash bonus, and after keeping four or five rival towns stirred up for six months, working all sorts of committees overtime, the trustees of Chowan College have decided to keep the school at Murfreesboro. This decision was reached at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College, at Murfreesboro, Monday, May 10.

Elizabeth City had its delegation on hand at Murfreesboro with an offer of a free site and a cash bonus of \$125,000 if the college would locate at Elizabeth City. Edenton was on hand with a proposition nearly as good. Other towns that had formerly been among the bidders for the college had already dropped out.

And so the trustees of Chowan College had only to decide whether to remove the college to Edenton or Elizabeth City. They had already twice put themselves on record that the college would be removed from Murfreesboro; every one thought that point settled.

But the trustees couldn't agree on either Edenton or Elizabeth City. Some favored Elizabeth City. Some favored Edenton. Neither side wanted to give in. And so the trustees who had twice given their Baptist word that the college would be removed, decided to change their minds and let the school slumber on in its ancient village of Murfreesboro, or "Murfreesboro", as the natives call it.

The latest decision of the Trustees of Chowan College leaves Elizabeth City somewhat sore and somewhat relieved. Our folk feel sore because they have been put to months of needless worry and expense entertaining an impossible proposition. On the other hand, a lot of our folk admit a feeling of relief since we will not get the school and have to foot the bills incident to giving it a site and a cash bonus of \$125,000. We are out a college which we would like to have, but we are in something like \$150,000 and then some.

Those acquainted with the Baptist temperament and with the personnel of the Board of Trustees of Chowan College are not surprised at the vacillating, irresolute and disappointing tactics of the trustees. There were still some in Elizabeth City who thought Elizabeth City could get the college because E. F. Aydtlett is on the Board of Trustees. But Mr. Aydtlett doesn't seem to move things like he used to. Incidentally Mr. Aydtlett is relieved of a pledge of \$10,000 conditional upon the college coming to this city.

Commenting upon the decision of the trustees one Elizabeth City business man said yesterday: "I regret the vast amount of energy wasted in that college drive; if our people had spent one half the effort and pledged one half the money involved, we could have located the Aladdin factory here a few months ago. But we let the Aladdin people get away from us and go down to Wilmington where they are to-day employing 500 persons, while we chased an elusive college."

Just how the splendid men and women who gave so much of their time to the work of securing pledges for the college here is not generally known. They are not saying much.

SURVIVES SERIOUS OPERATION

E. L. Rodgers, of this city, is in a Norfolk hospital this week, where he has just undergone a successful operation for an ulcer of the stomach. Reports to his family and friends here yesterday indicated that he was doing nicely. Mr. Rodgers has been seriously ill for several weeks and at one time his family entertained grave fears.

CANT SELL BONDS SAYS WHEDBEE

Dist. Highway Chairman Tells Why Edenton-Virginia Road is Held Up

Inability to sell bonds under the Ferebee District Highway Act and not opposition from Elizabeth City is the explanation why the proposed hard surface highway from Chowan to the Virginia state line has not been built, according to an official statement just made by Hon. Chas. Whedbee, chairman of the Northeastern Carolina District Highway Commission.

The oft repeated lies about opposition to the District Highway are thus effectually nailed—if there is anyway of nailing a conscienceless and unscrupulous liar.

The statement made in the Hertford Herald and repeated by its offspring in Elizabeth City that "persistent misrepresentations made in THE INDEPENDENT have had the direct effect of halting all activity on the district highway", is likewise repudiated. This newspaper has at all times endeavored to give the public the truth about the District Highway. Last week this newspaper asked the Chairman of the District Highway Commission to give the public the official facts. Mr. Whedbee has cheerfully given this newspaper the information desired and his letter is published herewith. Mr. Whedbee tells why the Edenton-Virginia road has not been built. He says:—

Hertford, N. C.
May 7th, 1920
Mr. W. O. Saunders,
Elizabeth City, N. C.
My Dear Sir:—

I have your letter of May 1st addressed to me as Chairman of the Northeastern Carolina Road Commission, inquiring if I will give you an official expression as to why the road from Edenton to the Virginia State line had not been built.

In reply beg to say that shortly after the adjournment of the Legislature, to-wit on March 25th, 1919, the persons named in the act met and organized by electing a chairman and secretary. At the same meeting they passed an order setting out the amount to be assessed against the abutting property owners and adopted the second plan of assessment. At the same time the commission directed that bids for bonds of the District not to exceed \$500,000 be asked for and that the same be opened on April 19, 1919. On said date, April 19th, bids for the bonds were opened and a bid for \$250,000 of the bonds was accepted. The commission realized as soon as it was organized that the act did not provide for a sufficient tax levy to take care of the whole issue of \$500,000 and pay off the proportion required each year, and for that reason the bid for only \$250,000 was accepted. The commission at that time was of the opinion that the revaluation act would be effective soon enough to so increase the property assessment that the tax provided in the act would take care of the bonds and interest.

Immediately after accepting the bid as above set out the commission took steps looking to the securing aid from the State and Federal Governments, also looked into the question of employing an engineer and took other steps for carrying out the details of building the road.

Shortly after the bid for the bonds (Concluded on Page 12.)



THE above illustration shows one of the delightful curves on the three mile stretch of 15 foot brick road recently completed at Weeksville. Much of this road runs thru a swamp which has been impassable at times. To insure durability and permanency this particular piece of road has been laid on a reinforced concrete base, making it one of the most durable types of road known. The construction of this road was carried on largely during the winter months, against great

BONDHOLDERS SIEZE DARE LBR. CO. PROPERTY

Walter S. Taylor Appointed Trustee—Montgomery and the Birdseyes Doing Time

Geo. F. Montgomery, president of the Dare Lumber Co., and his associates, having been denied a new trial on an appeal and sent on to prison, the Metropolitan Trust Co., of New York, trustee for the company, have taken possession of the property here at Elizabeth City and in Dare County. Walter S. Taylor is appointed as agent for the Trustee.

The following notice of the action of the Trustee was posted this week:

NOTICE!

New York City, May 4th 1920

The Metropolitan Trust Company as Trustee under the deed of trust of the Dare Lumber Co., dated Mar. 28, 1917 having been requested by the holders of the majority of the bonds to take possession of the property there-in described under said deed of trust, and in pursuance of its authority under said deed of trust, as said trustee, hereby designates and appoints Walter S. Taylor as its agent to forthwith enter into or upon all or any part of the premises described in the said deed of trust, and as such agent and representative to operate, manage and control the said premises and conduct the business thereof to the best advantage of the holders of the bonds thereby secured.

METROPOLITAN TRUST CO.
James F. McNamara,
Vice-President

Mr. Taylor has been on the ground for several weeks and already has his office organization as manager of the company. It is unofficially stated that the company will resume operations within the next 60 days. One connected with the company facetiously remarked yesterday: "Of course there will be some little delay in getting the plant in operation; putting our president in the penitentiary has somewhat demoralized our organization."

In the spring of 1917 Geo. F. Montgomery and one Birdseye and his son got hold of the Dare Lumber Co., bonded it for \$6,000,000, or more than three times its worth, wrecking the Pittsburgh Life Insurance Co. in the process, by unloading their fictitious bonds on that company. For their interesting adventure in high finance Montgomery and the Birdseyes are now doing time in prison while the holders of the bonds will try to make the most of their investment.

P. S. VANN MAY BE NEW PRESIDENT OF CHOWAN

P. S. Vann, Superintendent of Public Welfare of Pasquotank County, has been elected President of Chowan College and will resign his office in this county to take up new work at Murfreesboro—provided the Trustees of Chowan College don't have a change of mind and decide not to have a new President.

The vacancy to be created by Mr. Vann's resignation probably will precipitate a scramble for the office which he now occupies. The vacancy will be filled by the County Commissioners.

MAY PEAS MOVING IN REFRIGERATOR CARS

Four Car Loads of Peas Shipped From Elizabeth City This Week, Heavy Movement Expected Next Week

The first car load of early may peas from the truck farms of Pasquotank county were shipped in a refrigerator car from this city Tuesday of this week, consigned to New York produce commission houses represented by R. C. Abbott. The car contained 430 baskets. A second refrigerator car carrying 500 baskets of peas moved from Elizabeth City Wednesday, consigned by Mr. Abbott. Mr. Abbott will send two full cars to Philadelphia and New York today and, beginning next Tuesday, he expects to move at the rate of two car loads daily while the brief season lasts.

Mr. Abbott secured the first refrigerator cars for this section last season. Previous to that time peas were shipped by express, without refrigeration, and often reached their destination in a heated and perished condition, resulting in losses to the shippers. Refrigerator freight costs less than expressage and the peas reach the market in prime condition.

It is too early to learn what these early peas bring in New York this week. Peas shipped from here by express last Friday sold at \$3.75.

DEATH OF N. R. PARKER

Nathan R. Parker, one of Elizabeth City's oldest citizens died at his home in this city Wednesday morning May 12, following a brief illness due to a leaking heart. He was 75 years old, born February 2, 1845.

Mr. Parker was prominently identified with the business, social and political life of this community for more than half a century and was active in business up to within a few days of his death. He is survived by a wife and six children. The latter are Mrs. D. R. Morgan, Messrs. C. C. Parker, Z. V. Parker, J. C. Parker, N. P. Parker and Ira B. Parker.

The funeral was conducted at the home on Ehringhaus Street yesterday afternoon. Rev. J. M. Ormond, pastor of First Methodist Church officiating.

YOUNG EYESIGHT IN OLD AGE

You can't grow younger; but you can enjoy good sight to a ripe old age, if you change your glasses as the advancing years demand.

My eyeglass service is based on long experience, modern equipment and progressive methods in optometry.

This entitles me to your serious consideration, if your eyes need glasses.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY
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